November 4, 2002

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is proposing changes to NAC 519A regulations. The proposal includes revisions to NAC 519A.185: Provisions of notice of intent to issue draft of a permit or to deny an application. Workshops will be held throughout the State from December 10 to December 13, 2002.

Under the proposed revision, the Division shall solicit public comment before issuance of a permit or a notice of intent to deny the application for a permit for an exploration project or mining operation. The current regulation requires a public comment period only for projects or operations on privately owned land.

The workshops will consist of a brief presentation of the proposal by the Division followed by a question and answer period. Workshops will be held at the following locations and times:

Carson City

December 11, 2002 9:00 am - 10:00 am USGS – Water Resources Division 333 West Nye Lane, Room 223A Carson City, Nevada 89706

Winnemucca

December 12, 2002 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Winnemucca City Library 85 East Fifth Street, Public Meeting Room Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

Elko

December 13, 2002 9:00 am - 10:00 am Elko BLM Field Office Public Notice of Public Workshop Page 2 of 2 3900 East Idaho Street, District Conference Room Elko, Nevada 89801

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or assistance, or persons unable to attend any of these workshops, but desire information on the regulation changes are requested to notify David Gaskin, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation in writing at NDEP, 333 W. Nye Lane, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851, by calling (775) 687-9397, or by E-mail at dgaskin@ndep.state.nv.us, no later than 5:00 p.m., December 1, 2002.

The proposed regulation revisions may be obtained at http://ndep.state.nv.us/admin/public.htm

Respectfully,

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Enclosure (proposed revision)